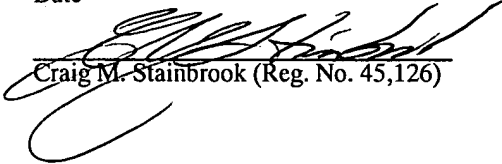


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 09/25/2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 24-33 are pending in the application; that claims 27 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention; that claims 24-25, and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by the patent to Langford, et al (4677796); that claims 24-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by the patent to Preissler (3827200); that claims 24, 31-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by the patent to Ernest (595875); that claims 29-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Preissler et al.; and that claim 33 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Ernest in view of Feldman (6223758). Applicant, by this Amendment, cancels claims 27 and 29, amends claim 24, all in accordance with the Examiner's indications.